

# Tragic Sallah: Eight feared dead as truck carrying cattle crashes in Kwara

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**No fewer than eight persons have been confirmed dead with an unspecified number of rams and cows killed in a trailer accident that occurred at Oko-Olowo area of Ilorin, in Ilorin South Local Government Area of Kwara State. The accident was reportedly caused by a white commercial trailer coming from the northern part of the country which rammed into a stationary vehicle at Oko-olowo junction on Thursday.**

According to eyewitnesses, the driver of the trailer with registration Number DAT SGM396ZR rammed into another trailer that had a fault and was parked along the road. He said a male victim believed to be the owner of the animals who sat with the driver in the front died along with the driver on the spot.

“The other victims include people inside the stationary trailer and other traders and marketers around the place during the incident. It was a gory sight to behold,” he said.

A resident of the area, Salaudeen Abiola, gave the casualty figures as 12, comprising 10 Hausa and two Yoruba who are among the ram sellers in the area. He stated that the corpses of the deceased have been taken and deposited at the morgue of the General Hospital, Ilorin. When contacted, the Kwara State Federal Road Safety Commander, Frederick Ogidan confirmed the incident and said “17 people were involved in the accident, 8 died while 4 were still receiving treatment”